

Monday, March 8, 2021

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session, and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 67 public bills, H.R. 1602–1668; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29; and H. Res. 189–197 were introduced.

**Pages H1117–20**

#### Additional Cosponsors:

**Pages H1122–24**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 188, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 842) to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1446) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–10).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:46 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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*Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021, Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021, and Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021—Rule for Consideration:* The House agreed to H. Res. 188, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 842) to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1446) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 64, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 213 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 63.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 164 was held at the desk. S. 578 was held at the desk. S. 579 was held at the desk. S. 590 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1086.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1094 and H1094–95.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT OF 2021; BIPARTISAN BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT OF 2021; ENHANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT OF 2021**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 842, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021”; H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021”; and H.R. 1446, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 842, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021”, H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021”, and H.R. 1446, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 842, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021”, under a structured rule. The

rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 6 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 6 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1446, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part D of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 9 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 9 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the

chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in Parts B, C, and D of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in sections 3, 6, and 9 of the resolution. Section 11 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 13, 2021, through April 22, 2021, the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 11 as though under clause 8(a) of rule I. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 11 shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; or a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of April 22, 2021, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of April 22, 2021. The rule amends Section 4(d) of House Resolution 8 by adding at the end the following: “(5) the Select Committee shall be composed of 16 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, of whom 7 shall be appointed on the recommendation of the Minority Leader.”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman Nadler, and Representatives Foxx, Jordan, Cawthorn, Good of Virginia, Grothman, Hinson, Miller-Meeks, Stefanik, Wilson of South Carolina, Owens, and Miller of Illinois.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Indo-Pacific Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine GameStop, Robinhood, and the state of retail investing, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the COVID–19 response, focusing on an update from the frontlines, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “FDA’s Foreign Drug Inspections Program”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Veterans in Accessing Fertility Services”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Modernizing Energy Development Laws for the Benefit of Taxpayers, Communities, and the Environment”, 12 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 144, the “Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act”, 10 a.m., Webex.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 9 through March 12, 2021

#### Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Marcia Louise Fudge, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Marcia Louise Fudge, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine farmers and foresters, focusing on opportunities to lead in tackling climate change, 10:15 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold closed hearings to examine domestic and foreign threats and other challenges facing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 9, to hold hearings to examine United States Indo-Pacific Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the final recommendations and report of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 9, to hold hearings to examine GameStop, Robinhood, and the state of retail investing, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

March 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the subcommittee assignments for the 117th Congress, and the nominations of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 10, business meeting to consider the nomination of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-207, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 11, business meeting to consider the nomination of David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the reliability, resiliency, and affordability of electric service in the United States amid the changing energy mix and extreme weather events, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine climate change in the electricity sector and fostering economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 10, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 9:45 a.m., SD-106.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy around the world, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

March 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 11, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on opportunities and challenges for the United States around the world, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 9, to hold hearings to examine the COVID-19 response, focusing on an update from the frontlines, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 10, business meeting to consider the nomination of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 9:45 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 10, business meeting to consider S. 325, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, S. 314, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, S. 144, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, S. 371, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, S. 108, to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, S. 548, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 549, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, S. 550, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and S. 559, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Native communities and the climate crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 10, Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Supreme Court and the Judiciary, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 11, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine competition policy for the twenty-first century, focusing on the case for antitrust reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine military toxic exposures, focusing on the human consequences of war, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 9, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 10, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, March 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Look at Food Insecurity in America”, 1300 Longworth and Webex.

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office and House of Representatives Officers, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Modernizing the Federal Civilian Approach to Cybersecurity”, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Innovation and Investment in Water Resources Infrastructure”, 2 p.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol and the Government Publishing Office, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “COVID-19 and the Mental Health and Substance Use Crises”, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., Webex.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “VA Specialty Healthcare: Oversight of Women’s Health, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Whole Health, and Homelessness”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Indo-Pacific”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

March 10, Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Military Personnel, joint hearing entitled “Privatized Military Family Housing: Update on Implementation of Housing Reforms”, 4:45 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Military Criminal Investigative Organization Reform Recommendations from the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee”, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

March 12, Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems; and Subcommittee on National Security of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, joint hearing entitled “Final Recommendations of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, March 11, Full Committee, business meeting on new subcommittee assignments, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

March 11, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Clearing the Air: Science-Based Strategies to Protect Workers from COVID-19 Infections”, 10:45 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Path Forward: Restoring the Vital Mission of EPA”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Kids Online During COVID: Child Safety in an Increasingly Digital Age”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Justice for All: Achieving Racial Equity Through Fair Access to Housing and Financial Services”, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Slipping Through the Cracks: Policy Options to Help America’s Consumers During the Pandemic”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 10, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “A Year into the Pandemic: The State of International Development”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

March 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Secretary Blinken: The Biden Administration’s Priorities for U.S. Foreign Policy”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “The Crisis in Yemen: Part 1”, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber, hearing entitled “Women Leading the Way: The Democratic Movement in Belarus”, 1:30 p.m., Webex.

March 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Policy Recommendations on Haiti for the Biden Administration”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 10, Full Committee, business meeting on Contestee Mariannette Miller-Meeks’s Motion to Dismiss Notice of Contest Regarding the Election for Representative in the 117th Congress from the Second Congressional District of Iowa, and for other purposes, 12 p.m., Webex.

March 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Committee Funding for the 117th Congress”, 12 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Controlled Substances: Federal Policies and Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “The Constitutional Framework for Congress’s Ability to Uphold Standards of Member Conduct”, 2 p.m., Webex.

March 12, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Reviving Competition, Part 2: Saving the Free and Diverse Press”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 11, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Building Resilience for the Economy, Climate, and Ecosystems”, 2 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Science Behind Impacts of the Climate Crisis”, 11 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Next Steps for the Paycheck Protection Program”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 10, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Full Steam Ahead for Rail: Why Rail is More Relevant Than Ever for Economic and Environmental Progress”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 10, Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support, hearing entitled “Health Profession Opportunity Grants: Past Successes and Future Uses”, 2 p.m., Webex.

March 11, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Tax Tools to Help Local Governments”, 2 p.m., Webex.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Tuesday, March 9

## Senate Chamber

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 9

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 842—Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021 (Subject to a Rule).

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